



A Synodal Church in Mission-

“The sense of the faithful”.

You will remember, all the hype preceding the Synod of Bishops Meeting in Rome in October 2023. For the first time in history our church canvassed the opinions of all Gods people on issues affecting the church today. Lay people and clergy were encouraged to gather in groups and in a spirit of prayerfulness, discern where the Holy Spirit is leading the church in our time. The church is now asking us to be part of a “deepening discernment”.

We are being consulted again, not to go over old ground but to look at twenty areas of interest, that surfaced at the synodal meeting in October and again in a spirit of prayerfulness meet in parish groups, or as

a religious community, maybe a group of friends, an apostolic groups, Union of Catholic Mothers, Saint Vincent de Paul Societies, class groups in Secondary Schools or Confirmation classes and choose one or more of the following areas and with reference to the synodal document feed back to the Diocesan team your further discernment and ideas. The idea is to deepen our reflection and discernment on areas that interest you. This in turn will be fed into the Scottish response from all eight diocese in our country and eventually to the next meeting of the Synod in Rome October 2024. Please gather and contribute to this process. The “sense of the faithful” is very important in this process and our church will be poorer without your efforts and deliberations.

We are asking you:

1. To gather in your group.
2. Choose one or more of the following topics to pray and deliberate with:
 1. Synodality: Your recent experience and understanding of it in parishes- your community- the church in general.

2. Do you feel part of a church community gathered and Sent by the Trinity
3. Entering the Community of Faith: Your experience of Christian Initiation(RCIA)
 4. People in Poverty, is this setting the churches agenda?
 5. A Church “out of every tribe, tongue, people and nation”- how do you experience our church as universal
 6. The Eastern Churches and Latin Church Traditions
 7. On the Road Towards Christian Unity- your experience
 8. Church is Mission
 9. Women in the Life and Mission of the Church
 10. Consecrated Life and Lay Associations and Movements: are they a Charismatic Sign
 11. Deacons and Priests in a Synodal Church
 12. The Bishop in Ecclesial Communion
13. The Bishop of Rome in the College of Bishops
14. A Synodal Approach to Formation of clergy.
15. Ecclesial Discernment and Open Questions
16. Towards a Listening and Accompanying Church

17. Mission in the Digital Environment

18. Structures for Participation

19. Groupings of Churches within the Communion of
the Whole Church

20. The Synod of Bishops and Ecclesial Assemblies.

More information on these topics(*some of which can seem complicated*) are available on the Vatican Synodal
Webpage

[/www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/assembly/syntheses/english/2023.10.28-ENG-Synthesis-Report](http://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/assembly/syntheses/english/2023.10.28-ENG-Synthesis-Report).

Here each section is explained and much clearer.

3. When you have met and engaged with your chosen topic or topics, then please e mail our Glasgow Synodal site Synod@rcag.org.uk and your anonymous response will be included in Glasgow's submission.

Please meet- pray and have your say.

Submissions should be in for Sunday 3rd March 2024.